

**2016 COUNCIL OF LEGISLATION**

**NEW PROVISIONS FOR RI OFFICERS & ELECTIONS**

**BEGINNING July1, 2016**

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| **Article** | **New provisions for RI Officiers**  | **Details** |
| RiRI6.140.1 | **New :**To amend the duties of the president**President**. ***The president shall be the highest officer of RI. As such, the president:*** ***(a) shall be a positive and motivational leader for Rotarians worldwide;*** ***(b) shall be the chair of the board and preside at all meetings of the board;*** ***~~(a)~~ (c) shall be the principal person to speak on behalf of RI;*** ***~~(b)~~ (d) shall preside at all conventions and other international RI meetings of the board;*** ***~~(c)~~ (e) shall counsel the general secretary; and*** ***~~(d)~~ (f) shall ~~perform~~ have such ~~other~~ further duties as ~~pertain to the office, consistent with the strategic plan as adopted by the board~~ and powers as assigned by the board*** | This proposal seeks to more clearly define the role of the president to emphasize that the president is primarily a motivational leader, the chair of the RI Board, and the principal spokesman for Rotary. (488-13) |
| RiRI5.050.4 | **New :**To provide for the president-nominee to be a non-voting participant at meetings of the RI Board**Add :*****Additional Participants.*** ***The president-nominee shall be a non-voting participant at meetings of the board.*** | This proposal seeks to add a non-voting participant at all meetings of the RI Board. Adding the president-nominee will help increase continuity on the RI Board and better prepare the president-nominee for the office of president. (469-36) |
| RiRI11.020.5 | **New :**To revise the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for president**Take off the last sentence :*****~~No Rotarian shall be a member of the nominating committee 16 for president more than three times unless there are no more than two candidates 17 willing to serve on this committee.~~*** | The perceived problem of needing to limit the number of times a past director can serve on the nominating committee does not exist in most parts of the Rotary world. (388-120) |
| RiRI12.020.16 | **New :**To revise the procedures for selecting directors-nominee.**Add :*****Committee Inability to Select Nominee. Where a nominating committee adjourns and no candidate for director-nominee receives the votes of a 60 percent majority of the nominating committee, the director-nominee shall be selected in a ballot-by-mail. Such ballot-by-mail shall be based on the ballot-by-mail procedure set forth in section 12.030. and include all suggested names for director considered by the committee.*** | The RI Bylaws specify that the nominating committee’s selection for director must receive no less than a 60 percent majority vote of the committee. (413-91) |
| RiRI12.020 | **New:**To amend the provisions for selecting the director-nominee by nominating committee procedure.**Amend the last sentence*****… However, where there are two or more sections in a zone, the committee shall be selected from only those districts in the section(s) from which the director is to be nominated ~~if~~ unless a majority of all districts in ~~each section of~~ the zone, by resolutions adopted at their respective district conferences, agree to the selection from ~~such section(s)~~ the zone.*** | For Zone with 2 sections, Article 12.020.1 of the RI Bylaws makes provision for a director to be nominated 2 alternatively from section A and B (415-89) |
| RiRI12.020.3 | **New :**To amend the qualifications for membership on the nominating committee for director.**Amend the second sentence :*****Each member shall be a past governor at the time ~~they are to serve~~ of election, who is a member of a club in the relevant zone or section. Such members also shall have attended at least two Rotary institutes of the zone from which the director is being nominated and one convention in the three years prior to serving on the committee, provided that a district may by a resolution adopted at a district conference by a majority of the votes of the electors of the clubs present and voting dispense with some or all of these requirements, such resolution to apply only to the next nominating committee.***  | In order to avoid that situation, the Governor should not be allowed to contest the election, while he is a governor, even though he may be a past governor at the time he will serve as member of the nominating committee for director. (465-36) |